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THE

ROCHESTER PAD,

Relating to the DISPUTE between

BALAAM and his ASS,

Whose CUNNINGS BE — in some Things very different. —

AN Ass well drubb'd with (sturdy Oak,
Once on a Time complaining (spoke,
Rebuking Prophet mounted High,
That still lay'd on, yet scarce knew why.

Of this in Memory of late,
A Lordly Ass in warm Debate,
Began

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Began to Open wide when Proph,
For Brevity and Rhymes-ſake Roff,
On the dull Creature got a Stride,
And Spurr'd, and Gall'd, and Bang'd (his Side.

Each Aſs then ſerv'd by way of Pad;
One *Balaam* rode, One *Francis* Dad;
They both did ſpeak, and both were (beat,
Yet ſtill this differ did from that;
For that was ſmote before Speech made,
But this juſt after what he ſaid;
From whence beſt Judges do maintain,
That Aſs ſpoke better of the Twain;
O *C*-------*by* learn Wiſdom hence,
And give the Prophets no Offence;
For *Levy's* Tribe beſt know the Art
How to make *Iſſachar*'s to ſmart.

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